

SARAH T. COLEMAN.

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Sarah Thornton Coleman, daughter of William Thornton and Elizabeth Christian, was born June 11, 1806, in Paxton, Huntingtonshire, England. With her family she joined the Church of Latter-day Saints in the year 1841 and emigrated to Nauvoo, Illinois, soon after.

The family lived on the farm of Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Here her husband, Prime Coleman, and the oldest daughter died. The mother, with her seven children, was left to share the hardships and mobbings with the other Saints.

After the martyrdom of the Prophet and his brother, Sister Coleman and family moved to the Eleventh Ward, in the city of Nauvoo. Here she became acquainted with Bishop David Evans through receiving help from the ward. Trouble for the Saints was steadily increasing, and when companies were formed to move, she and family were placed in Bishop David Evans' company. For three years they moved from place to place in Missouri, and then made the final move to Utah, arriving in Salt Lake City in the fall of 1850.

They remained there that winter and the next spring moved to Lehi, then known as Dry Creek. Sarah T. Coleman passed through the hardships of pioneer life, raised a highly respected family, and lived the life of a Latter-day Saint. She was respected and loved by all who knew her, and was president of the first Relief Society organized in Lehi. She died March 1, 1892, at the ripe age of 86 years, nine months.